Freedom of movement for workers within the Community

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At first reading under codecision procedure, the European Parliament adopted the report by Marie-Thérèse Hermange (FR,UPE), which approves the Commission proposal for a European Parliament and Council regulation amending Council regulation 1612/68/EEC on freedom of movement for workers within the Community, subject to amendments in the following areas: - adding atypical employment to those activities which may be pursued by workers within the provisions of the regulation; - providing that any national of a Member State, irrespective of his place of residence, shall be entitled to the advisory (as well as recruitment) aids available to nationals wishing to take up employment and shall also be provided with information on the administrative and legal provisions regarding employment and social security applicable in the territory of another Member State; - providing that, in the territory of another Member State, in the event of his becoming unemployed or fully unfit for work, a national of a Member State shall be treated no differently from national workers in this respect and also as regards occupational rehabilitation, reinstatement or re-employment; - with regard to mutual recognition of qualifications, specifying that this covers professional or extra-professional experience, seniority, a university degree or an administrative grade; - extending the provisions in relation to secondment to include coverage under the provisions made with regard to discrimination; - altering the wording with regard to other people who have the right to install themselves with a national of one Member State working in another to apply to any member of the family of that worker or his spouse who is judicially or legally dependent on that worker (rather than only those members of the family living under his roof); - with regard to family members' rights to education, extending their entitlement under the regulation to include retraining and continuing and further training.